

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**LEONARD EUGENE LOVE,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 2:02-cr-177**

**Crim. No. 2:04-cv-522**

**JUDGE SMITH**

**Magistrate Judge ABEL**

**ORDER**

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The petition alleges that Love's court-appointed attorney, Gordon Hobson, failed to file a notice of appeal. Love does not challenge his guilty plea. He wants to contest his sentence as too severe; but, as the Magistrate Judge found, the Court sentenced him to the sentence he bargained for. There was no legal basis for Love to appeal the sentence.

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The *Report and Recommendation* is hereby **ADOPTED AND AFFIRMED**. This action is hereby **DISMISSED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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